

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF GTE MOBILNET OF KENTUCKY)
INCORPORATED FOR ISSUANCE OF A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A PERSONAL)
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FACILITY IN THE)
CINCINNATI-DAYTON MAJOR TRADING AREA) CASE NO. 96-459
("MTA") WHICH INCLUDES BOONE, KENTON,)
CAMPBELL, GALLATIN, GRANT, PENDLETON,)
BRACKEN, MASON, LEWIS, GREENUP, CARTER,)
BOYD, ELLIOTT, LAWRENCE, JOHNSON, MARTIN,)
FLOYD AND PIKE COUNTIES, KENTUCKY ("KY NO.)
0283/GROGAN FACILITY))

O R D E R

The Commission has received the attached letter from Kevin T. Wall regarding the proposed personal communications services facility to be located at the point Old KY 18 dead ends into Route 237, Burlington, Boone County, Kentucky.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. GTE Mobilnet Incorporated ("GTE Mobilnet") shall respond to Mr. Wall's concerns by certified letter, within 10 days from the date of this Order.
2. GTE Mobilnet shall file a copy of the certified letter and dated receipt, within 7 days of the date of the receipt.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of October, 1996.

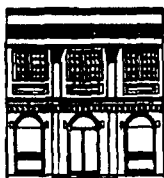
ATTEST:


Executive Director

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

BOONE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



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Executive Director's Office
Public Service Commission of Kentucky
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RE: Case No. 96-459; GTE Mobilnet Proposed 125' Monopole at Old Ky 18/KY 237,
Burlington, Boone County, Kentucky

Dear Executive Director's Office:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Public Service Commission that, on behalf of the Boone County Planning Commission, I strongly oppose the above referenced monopole proposal. This objection is based on the following facts:

- A. The site in question is located in a "Office Two" (O-2) zone. Telecommunications towers are not permitted in this zone and the maximum building height permitted in this zone is seventy (70) feet.
- B. The 1995 Boone County Comprehensive Plan states that the site in question should develop as "low traffic-generating office uses" and not public utility uses as suggested by the proposal. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan states that "the northwest quadrant of the intersection of KY 18 and KY 237 (immediately across KY 237 from the site in question) is planned for Office and High Suburban Density (residential uses up to 8 dwelling units per acre) uses to provide a suitable transition between Stephens Elementary School and KY 18, and would help establish the public facilities and office orientation of the entire intersection area." Keeping this policy statement in mind, the proposed monopole structure is completely contrary to the objectives set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted by representatives of the local community after many months on intense work and community involvement.
- C. The intersection area in question is highly visible and is currently unspoiled by haphazard development, or development that is inappropriate for the location in question. A 125 foot monopole (135' with antennas) would become the single, dominant landmark at this major intersection in the county and would constitute an

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unwelcome visual intrusion, as well as an extremely poor precedent for the future development of the undeveloped properties in the immediate area. This fact is especially important when considering that the area to the west, across KY 237, is planned for residential uses as mentioned above. In short, the proposed monopole would constitute an extremely visible nuisance at the location proposed.

I will stress the point that I am not opposed to telecommunications towers in general, however, the monopole structure in question is extremely inappropriate at this particular site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin T. Wall", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin T. Wall, AICP CDT
Director, Zoning Services